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FOR REPORTER.

THOMAS WALTON, of Sandflower county, will
be a candidate before the next Legislature for
Reporter of the decisions of the High Court of Errors
and Appeals. He asks the support of his friends
throughout the State.

IMPORTANT TO SOUTHERNERS.

The practice of confiscating the estate
of rebels and then, incidentally, proving
"exparte" their participation in the re-
bellion, has generally obtained at the
South. The avidity of district attorneys,
clerks and marshals was of course always
on the alert, and courts, mostly presided
by mere partisans of the most inferior ca-
pacity or standing, were easy tools in
their hands. But now comes what every
sensible lawyer had ever expected, a so-
lemn declaration that, in accordance with
the Constitution of the United States, no
bill of attainder can work forfeiture or
confiscation until the party has been duly
convicted of treason, which means after a
trial before a competent court, where the
accused can confront the witnesses against
him.

The work of disgorge will soon
commence, as every judgment of con-
fiscation, not preceded by conviction, is not
only voidable, but void *ab initio*. Those
who have fed and pampered upon the
spoils of the poor, deluded men, and who
now rejoice in their ill-gotten wealth will
learn to their cost that President John-
son will not wink at their misdeeds.

On this subject, a correspondent of the
New York Express says:

I have just learned a very important
recent declaration made by the President
to the Alabama delegation, who com-
plained to him of the blighted effect of
the proceedings in confiscation in that
State, and he replied to them that no
confiscation could take place or have a
legal effect, except after a legal con-
viction of the parties for treason. You will
at once realize the effect of such a deci-
sion, for it will upset and render null and
void every act of confiscation that has
been enforced at the South, as I do not
believe in any one case have parties been
previously tried and convicted of trea-
son.

I have this information from a friend,
who says he was told it by one of the de-
legation to whom it was made, all of whom
are highly gratified by it. It is certainly
the only proper and legal course, for, by
what rule, precedent or law, can we pun-
ish a man as a traitor, without having
proved him to be such. It is like hang-
ing a man for an alleged murder and then
trying him. I also understand that
Chief Justice Chase has expressed the
same opinion.

Governor Sharkey.—We find the fol-
lowing in reference to Governor Sharkey,
in a Washington correspondence of the
10th inst., published in the Chicago
Times:

Assurances have also been sent to the
latter from Washington, to the effect that
the necessary arms and accoutrements
will be furnished to the State militia as
soon as they are organized. So far all
is well. But the principle grievance of
which the Governor complained, still re-
mains unredressed. This was that Gen.
Slocum and the military authorities act-
ing under instructions from the War De-
partment refused to obey or regard the
writ of habeas corpus when issued by the
civil courts. However, it is believed that
the important concession made to Gov.
Sharkey will cause him to forego his in-
tention of resigning, particularly as he
has been assured that a considerable por-
tion of the troops now in Mississippi will
soon be disbanded, and the protection of
the State be left, ultimately, to the
State militia.

Restoration of Property.—We learn,
says the Vicksburg Herald, 20th inst.,
that the property of Joseph E. Davis,
Esq., elder brother of the President of
the late Confederate States, located in
this county, and the property of Gen. W.
T. Martin, of Natchez, has been restored
to them.

The property of Jacob Thompson and
Gen. N. B. Forrest has never been
touched at all.

The Nashville Union of the 15th
says the composers in that office, of
which there are seven—one of them an
apprentice—"set up" on Thursday last,
11 hours' composition, 99,500 ems. This
is an average of more than 14,000 for each
compositor. We would call that a good
day's work.

Gov. Hamilton, of Texas, has done
one good thing. He has instructed the
military authorities in that State to re-
quire of all negroes a certificate from
their employers, showing that they obtain
an honest living. If they cannot do this,
they are sent to work to pay Uncle Sam
for the grub they eat.

**General James Shields, of Cali-
fornia,** arrived in Washington on a tem-
porary visit to the Atlantic States.

VOTE OF MADISON COUNTY.

Congress.

Frank Smith, 520

A. M. West, 394

Governor.

E. B. Fisher, 161

W. S. Patton, 23

B. G. Humphreys, 647

Attorney General.

C. E. Hooker, 630

Richard Cooper, 183

Secretary of State.

H. J. Harris, 349

J. L. Hargrove, 187

C. A. Brougber, 108

State Treasurer.

J. H. Echols, 213

S. L. Husey, 76

J. L. McCullum, 350

John B. Lewis, 109

High Court of Errors and Appeals.

A. H. Handy, 362

G. L. Potter, 465

State Senate.

R. M. Latimer, 346

Matthew Lyle, 337

House Representatives.

C. C. Shackelford, 229

T. M. Griffin, 650

Auditor of Public Accounts.

T. T. Swan, 681

Judge of Circuit Court.

J. A. P. Campbell, 308

Daniel Jones, 244

W. McBride, 257

Circuit Clerk.

J. Q. Richards, 270

John Dawson, 554

District Attorney.

S. S. Calhoun, 708

J. B. Hemphill, 65

J. M. Clark, 12

Sheriff.

Taylor, 178

Drane, 144

J. T. Semmes, 316

Dodley, 27

Dulaney, 166

Probate Judge.

W. S. Bailey, 400

Milas Cooper, 426

Probate Clerk.

E. D. Ward, 635

Gus Parker, 180

County Treasurer.

O. R. Hill, 341

J. M. Anderson, 463

Assessor.

David Dean, 105

C. C. Rowland, 183

S. F. Mann, 497

N. T. Nelson, 62

VOTE OF ATTALA COUNTY.

[OFFICIAL.]

Governor.

Fisher, 681

Humphreys, 567

Patton, 48

Secretary of State.

Harris, 674

Brougber, 201

Hargrove, 170

Auditor.

Swan, 991

Bradford, 213

Treasurer.

Lewis, 690

Husey, 183

McCullum, 250

Echols, 140

Maer, 39

Attorney General.

Cooper, 603

Hooker, 439

Congress.

Harrison, 1185

Dupree, 133

Judge of High Court.

Handy, 747

Potter, 480

Circuit Judge.

McBride, 698

Campbell, 456

Jones, 118

District Attorney.

Hemphill, 477

Young, 325

Calhoun, 102

Clark, 17

Blod, 78

Christmas, 178

County Officers.

Sentinel—S. W. Land.

Representatives—Alex. Mabry, J. M. Thompson.

Probate Judge—S. C. Conly.

Sheriff—J. E. Lucas.

Probate Clerk—W. J. Wasson.

Circuit Clerk—R. E. Wilson.

Treasurer—W. P. Love.

STATISTICS OF THE METHODISTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

The following interesting report is found
in one of the English papers, and appears to be from
reliable sources.

At the recent Conference of British Methodists in
England, Bishop James appeared as the representa-
tive of those in America, and he gave the following
statistics as the condition of the body in this
country.

Communicants, 228,321; itinerant ministers, 6,
621; local ministers, 2,395; churches, 10,651; par-
sonages, 2,348; estimated value of churches and
parsonages, \$25,983,978; Sunday schools, 12,163;
officers and teachers, 148,475; scholars, 859,700.

We have one hundred and fifty missionaries in for-
eign lands, and 7,022 church members. Among the
foreign populations of our country we have labor-
ing 268 missionaries; and in the churches under
their care, 24,138 communicants. In our domestic
missionary department we have about 600 mis-
sionaries.

NEGRO AND POLICE DISTURBANCES.—For a num-
ber of days there have been disturbances prevailing
between the negro provost guard on duty in Mem-
phis and the city police. They have now, however,
been quieted, and Gen. Smith, who is commanding
that military division, has issued stringent orders
forbidding the assembling of negroes at balls and
parties of all kinds, unless with permission. A
number of negroes who have been exciting the late
troubles have been placed under arrest and pun-
ished.

ALABAMA WAR DEBT.—We see from the proceed-
ings of the Alabama Convention that it has de-
clared void all debts created by the State in aid of
the late war, and has forbidden the General As-
sembly to ratify the same; and has forbidden the
General Assembly to assume or make any pro-
visions for the payment of the debts contracted by the
Confederate States.

ELECTION RETURNS.

SCOTT COUNTY.

W. S. Patton, 258; E. S. Fisher, 63; B. G.
Humphreys, 388; J. L. Hargrove, 195; H. J.
Harris, 231; C. A. Brougber, 207; B. M. Brad-
ford, 62; J. B. Hill, 41; T. T. Swan, 505; J.
B. Lewis, 111; S. L. Husey, 146; J. H. Ech-
ols, 278; S. T. Maer, 9; McCullum, 36; R.
Cooper, 288; C. E. Hooker, 427; A. M. West,
401; S. Evans, 88; F. Smith, 162; G. L. Pot-
ter, 379; A. H. Handy, 313; John Watts, 775;
T. B. McConne, 16; Uncas Bourne, 4; A. Y.
Harper, 728; W. H. Hardy, 40.

For State Senator.

Latimer, 79; Lyles, 414; Lockett, 143.

For Representative.

Platt, 158; T. B. Graham, 417; David Stone,
146.

BANKIN COUNTY.

Humphreys, 556; Fisher, 101; Patton, 200;
Brougber, 92; Hargrove, 536; Harris, 213;
Swan, 672; Hill, 36; Bradford, 97; Echols, 81;
Lewis, 696; Husey, 132; Maer, 17; Hooker,
482; Cooper, 390; West, 438; Evans, 93; Smith,
329; Potter, 734; Handy, 118; Hardy, 102;
Harper, 473; Bourne, 271; McCune, 4. Gen.
Lowry elected to the State Senate without
opposition.

Brooks and Easterling, Representatives.

T. D. Harris, Sheriff.

McMaster, Probate Judge.

H. S. Cole, Probate Clerk.

Watts, Circuit Judge.

Joseph Ferguson, Circuit Clerk.

James Penn, Assessor.

J. H. Cofer, Treasurer.

Burnham, Coroner.

WARREN COUNTY.

The following is the entire vote of Warren
county:

Gen. Humphreys, 843; Patton, 8; Fisher,
17.

For Secretary of State: Hargrove, 281;

Brougber, 288; Harris, 257.

Auditor of Public Accounts: Hill, 179;

Swan, 639.

Treasurer: Echols, 239; McCullum, 444;

Lewis, 134.

Attorney General: Hooker, 685; Cooper,
178.

Congress: Evans, 260; West, 385; Smith,
155.

Judge of the High Court of Errors Appeals:
Handy, 413; Potter, 444.

Sweet elected to the State Senate; Cam-
eron and Dr. Shannon elected Representa-
tives; Marmaduke Shannon, Sheriff; Conway,
Probate Judge; Frank Valliant carried this
county by a large majority for District At-
torney.

NEWTON COUNTY COMPLETE.

Patton, 335; Fisher, 160; Humphreys, 232.

Hargrove, 171; Harris, 261; Brougber,
230.

Bradford, 49; Hill, 125; Swan, 453.

Lewis, 141; Husey, 224; Echols, 170; Mc-
Cullum, 139; Maer, 26.

Cooper, 453; Hooker, 293.

West, 123; Evans, 334.

Potter, 523; Hardy, 374.

Harper, 391; McCune, 235; Hardy, 66;

Bourne, 32.

CARROLL COUNTY.

The total number of votes cast is about
450. The following is the number of votes
counted up to this time indicates that Hum-
phreys will carry the county:

Governor: Fisher, 49; Patton, 10; Hum-
phreys, 62.

Secretary of State: Brougber, 25; Har-
grove, 52; Harris, 29.

Auditor of Public Accounts: T. T. Swan,
105.

State Treasurer: Maer, 3; Husey, 17;

Echols, 13; Lewis, 30; McCullum, 29.

Attorney General: Cooper, 28; Hooker,
78.

Holmes County as far as heard from.

Humphreys' majority over Fisher, about
600.

Congress: West, 577; Smith, 221; Evans,
17.

Attorney General: Hooker's majority to
Holmes, about 600.

Judge of High Court of Errors Appeals:
Handy, 575; Potter, 441.

District Attorney: Culhoun, 347; Hem-
phill, 275; Young, 200; Clark, 56; Chris-
mas, 90.

Circuit Judge: Campbell, 516; Jones, 348;

McBride, 161.

State Senator: J. J. Hooker elected from
Holmes and Sunflower.

Representatives: Dr. H. M. Phillips and
Capt. Joel J. Hamilton.

VIRGINIA.—There are a number of parishes
in this Diocese the members of which have
been left with nothing save their land and
the house over their heads; in some instances
even their houses have been burnt. They
have no servants, no horses, no mules, no
carts, no wagons, no ploughs; everything
has been destroyed. That such parishes
should feel that they cannot support a min-
ister is very natural; but before they deter-
mine to get rid of their clergyman or not to call
another, supposing they are without one,
they should most certainly pause and reflect.

* * * We most earnestly beg every parish
in the Diocese to procure a minister and
support him the best they can. If they cannot
furnish a good house, let them offer a poor
one. If they cannot give him tea and coffee,
give him bread and meat. If they cannot
pay in money, let them pay in provisions.
The ministry is willing to live in any way,
so they can do good to your souls. Better
stint your bodies than your souls.—Southern
Churchman.

Even the tenderest plants force their way
up through the hardest earth, and the crav-
els of rocks; but a man no material power
can resist. What a wedge, what a beetle,
what a caterpillar, is an earnest man! What
can resist him?

News Items.

GEN. CHEATHAM'S APPLICATION.—Ac-
cording to a correspondent, Frank Chea-
tham said in his application for pardon:
"You know well, Mr. President, who
I am, and what I have done. I
am sorry, and if you will pardon me, I
will be a faithful citizen henceforward.
And, if there is any fighting to be done,
count me in, wherever I may be needed."

The Assistant Secretary of War has
notified the Agent of the Associated
Press that hereafter reports may be trans-
mitted to and from Augusta, Ga., and
and Mobile, Ala.

The New York Times of the 20th in-
st., publishes a report that Gen. Joseph E.
Johnston, who was recently defeated by
Mr. Buford, for the Presidency of the
Danville Railroad, is about to take charge
of one of the most important roads in the
State of Alabama.

The Hon. W. T. Oldham, late Senator
from Texas to the Confederate Congress,
writes from Monterey to San Antonio,
confirming the statement that Maximilian
had ordered all Confederate refugees to
San Luis Potosi.

It is reported that extensive discover-
ies of silver and copper have been made
in the Blue Ridge, in the vicinity of Cal-
pepper Court House, Va. The copper
deposits are said to be exceedingly rich.
Lead, in small quantities, had also been
discovered in the neighborhood of Orange
Court House.

The military prison at Knoxville, Tenn.,
has been broken up, and twenty of the
prisoners incarcerated there were sent to
Chattanooga, on the 8th, to be kept in
military prison there during the terms of
their respective sentences, which range
from twenty days to six months.

Dr. A. Underwood & Co., (wreckers)
have commenced raising the old Morris-
mack, lying near Craney Island, Fortres
Monroe, where she was blown up by the
Confederates. The copper on her is said
to exceed two hundred and fifty tons;
and there is an immense amount of old
iron, armor, cannon, etc., on board of her,
beside a composition wheel, weighing
nine tons, so says the Macon Telegraph.

The clause in the Virginia amended
constitution, prohibiting all who aided
participated in, or sympathized with the
rebellion, from voting or holding office,
has been submitted to the people of that
State, under a proclamation from the
Governor, in such shape that the Gen-
eral Assembly will have the power to al-
ter or to amend it at their pleasure.
There seems to be doubt that the disabili-
ty will be removed.

The Cincinnati Commercial of the 23d

says:

The Waunias departed for New Or-
leans with 400 tons, and engagements
below. She is full of people, including
sixteen school-mistresses, destined for the
"sunny South," to educate the kinky-
headed freedmen of that clime. The ma-
jority are destined for Jeff Davis' plan-
tation.

We learn that Gen. Thomas has order-
ed the release of all citizens confined at
Chattanooga, charged with resisting Uni-
ted States troops in Cherokee county, Ala.,
while searching for Government cattle.
This difficulty has been investigated and
amicably settled. So says the Nashville
Dispatch of the 23d inst.

The Tusculum Alabamian of the 23d
inst. says, construction trains on the
M. & C. R